

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner's allowance of claims 17, 18, 20-32, 36-43, 49 and 50 is noted with appreciation.

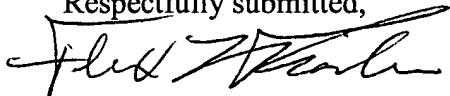
The Examiner has objected claim 8 as dependent on a rejected base claim but noted that the claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 has been amended to comply with this requirement and is believed to now be in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 and 14 have been cancelled.

The Examiner has noted an objection to the drawings as filed on 08 June 1999. 9 sheets (11 Figures) of formal drawings are filed herewith as replacements for the drawings filed with the application.

Based on the office action and the amendment to claim 8 herein, applicants believe that all claims now pending in the application as amended are in condition for allowance and action by the Examiner in that regard is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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